

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 299

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Board of Directors, officers, and members of the Madison Kiwanis Club on the occasion of that esteemed organization's fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of his body should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable personnel who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are credits to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is the Madison Kiwanis Club; on April 29, 2009, the Madison Kiwanians will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their club during their regular meeting at Skyline Hospital; and

WHEREAS, first chartered on April 16, 1959, the Madison Kiwanis Club initially included thirty-six members; the Woodbine, Nashville Downtown, and Donelson Kiwanis Clubs served as sponsors for the newly-formed Madison group; and

WHEREAS, their roster of charter members includes James H. Bass, Thomas C. Brown, Charles R. Brighty, C. P. Carter, Herman A. Clark, A. J. (Bob) Coarsey, A. J. Coleman, George Collier, Ben D. Cunningham, James P. Dalton, W. Clyde Davis, Joe Doochin, Frank H. Garrett, Howard H. Garvey, L. C. Gillem, Archie E. Glenn, David R. Halton, W. C. Halton, W. C. Hamilton, Everett F. Hoffman, Odell Kelly, Morris Kornman, J. D. Lashley, Robert D. MacIntyre, Jr., Edward E. Marlin, James W. McGehee, Roy F. McPherson, Richard O. Odom, Randall Phillips, William D. Raymer, Robert R. Rummage, Earl Shoemaker, I. J. Simpkins, John Taylor, A. Harris Vaughn, and E. A. Yates; Walton Y. (Booty) Draper joined one week after the club was chartered; and

WHEREAS, the first officers of the Madison Kiwanis Club were President Thomas C. Brown, Vice President Edward E. Marlin, Secretary William D. Raymer, and Treasurer Herman A. Clark; and

WHEREAS, the Madison clubs first Board of Directors included A. J. (Bob) Coarsey, Ben D. Cunningham, L. C. Gillem, Everett F. Hoffman, Robert R. Rummage, A. Harris Vaughn, Richard A. Odom, and I. J. Simpkins; and

WHEREAS, at the time, Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States, a first-class postage stamp cost four cents, and a grocer could ask twenty cents for a loaf of bread; and

WHEREAS, every Friday at noon, the members of the Madison Kiwanis Club would gather for their regular meeting at the Shoney's Big Boy Restaurant in those early days; and

WHEREAS, as times changed, so did the Kiwanis Club; in 1985, Kiwanis invited women to join for the first time, and Dawn Stultz was the first woman to accept; Jo Ann North, the second woman to join the Kiwanis Club, became that organization's first female President in 1990; and

WHEREAS, whatever changes the Kiwanis Club as a whole has undergone, though, the Madison Kiwanians have remained committed to the ideals of good citizenship and integrity that have distinguished the organization for decades; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, the Madison Kiwanis Club has sold peanuts and Christmas trees and wreaths, worked the Haunted Woods of the Bend at Halloween, held Memorial Day weekend barbeques, and conducted yard sales and auctions, all to raise money for their various charitable efforts; and

WHEREAS, their primary focus has been improving the lives of children in the local community and to this end, the club has sponsored Key Clubs at Hunters Lane High School, Davidson Academy, Goodpasture Christian School, and The Madison School; the Madison Kiwanis Club has provided over ten thousand dollars in scholarships each year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their work on behalf of those Key Clubs and their student members, the Madison Kiwanis Club has adopted a portion of Tennessee highway, cleaning it four times each year; on a weekly basis, members read to school children at Kings Daughter

Day; they have donated enough American flags to two local elementary schools so that each classroom can enjoy one; over two thousand books have been collected and donated to local elementary schools; and the Madison Kiwanians have cleaned the yards of local elderly people; and

WHEREAS, they regularly raise significant funds through their annual pancake breakfast and annual golf tournament, both of which allow the Madison Kiwanians to fund their admirable work; and

WHEREAS, as the Madison Kiwanis Club celebrates its rich history of fifty years of service, it is appropriate to honor the many club members, both past and present, who have volunteered their time, talent, and resources in order to service their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Kiwanis Club is most assuredly worthy of this Body's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Madison Kiwanis Club on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commend its members, both past and present, for their unsurpassed tradition of exemplary service to the good people of Davidson County and the State of Tennessee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.